

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Serial No.: Unknown

Filed: December 14, 1999

For: EGF RECEPTOR TRANSACTIVATION BY G-PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTORS  
REQUIRES METALLOPROTEINASE CLEAVAGE OF proHB-EGF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 14, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1-3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claims 5, 6, 16, 17 and 19, line 1 of each, delete "any one of the previous claims"  
and insert therefore --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of claims 7 or 8" and insert therefor --claim 7--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 10".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of claims 7-11" and insert therefor --claim 7--.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any one of the claims 7-12" and insert therefor --claim 7--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "any one of claims 7 to 14" and insert therefor --claim 7--.